

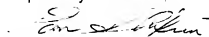
REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2006, claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 and claims 32-37 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but otherwise allowable. In the present Response, claims 1, 12 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the elements of allowable claims and any intermediate claims; claims 13, 14, 27, 28 and 30 have been amended to be conformed to their respective amended independent claims and claims 2-4, 15-17, 19-23, 25 and 31-37 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 5, 10, 18, 26 and 29 were previously cancelled and new independent claims 38-40 have been added to incorporate elements of other allowable claims.

The claims are believed to be allowable and the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. A fee for two additional independent claims is believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees, and any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 09-0449.

Respectfully Submitted,



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